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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Adam Arnold

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bennett, U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2002/0140734 A1. Referring to claim 1, Bennett discloses a software program stored on a computer media (paragraph 107, lines 1-8) which provides a user interface for the computing device (paragraph 236, lines 1-9) comprising a display grid having rows and columns of cells (paragraph 188, lines 1-5) a number displayed in a plurality of the cells (paragraph 248, line 12) and where the numbers displayed in the cells are updated under software control and represent a common quantity which changes according to an algorithm set by a user (paragraph 183). Bennett does not disclose a handheld computer device although it does disclose combining a calculator program with the functionality of a spreadsheet (paragraph 29). At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art replace a handheld computer device for a calculator. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because the terms are synonymous.

Referring to claim 2, Bennett discloses the software program of claim 1 further comprising a cursor operable by the user which indicates at least one currently selected cell (paragraph 191, lines 1-4).

Referring to claim 3, Bennett does not disclose where the cursor is a dashed cell outline although it does disclose that a black box or “many other techniques” may be deployed to identify the cursor (paragraph 191). At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to represent the cursor with a dashed cell outline. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this in order to provide the user with a focus for the selected cell.

Referring to claim 4, Bennett discloses allowing the user to set at least one cell to a fixed value (paragraph 182, line 9).

Referring to claim 5, Bennett discloses allowing the user to adjust the value of a cursor selected cell up or down while the software is changing the numbers in the cells according to the algorithm (see paragraph 172 where Bennett provides for the modification of fields).

Referring to claim 6, the remarks presented above with respect to claims 3 and 4 apply equally to this claim.

Referring to claim 7, the remarks presented above with respect to claim 5 apply equally to this claim.

Referring to claim 8, Bennett does not specifically disclose where the software is programmed to provide a heat transfer lab simulation environment. However, since the heat transfer simulation is merely a mathematical calculation, it can be implemented under Bennett (see paragraph 183 which provides for mathematical calculations).

Referring to claim 9, the remarks presented above with respect to claim 1 apply equally to this claim. In addition, Bennett discloses a screen, input device and a processor (paragraph 104).

Referring to claim 10, the remarks presented above with respect to claim 2 apply equally to this claim.

Referring to claim 11, the remarks presented above with respect to claim 3 apply equally to this claim.

Referring to claim 12, the remarks presented above with respect to claim 4 apply equally to this claim.

Referring to claim 13, the remarks presented above with respect to claim 5 apply equally to this claim.

Referring to claim 14, the remarks presented above with respect to claim 6 apply equally to this claim.

Referring to claim 15, the remarks presented above with respect to claim 5 apply equally to this claim.

Referring to claim 16, the remarks presented above with respect to claim 9 apply equally to this claim.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Adam Arnold** whose telephone number is **703-305-8413**. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Thursday and alternate Fridays between 7:00 AM and 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Zimmerman, can be reached at (703) 305-9798.

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